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The container comprises a base (1) equipped with a pallet, a lid (3) and hinged side (10) and end (11) walls of corrugated cardboard or ribbed or cellular plastic, e.g. 'Akvilux' (RTM), which can be folded flat on top of the pallet when the container is empty. In the deployed position the walls are vertical, and the lid has a peripheral frame (19) with corner reinforcements (20) to receive the pallet of another container stacked on top of it. The corners between side and end walls also have reinforcements (17) for the same purpose, and the pallet has lower slats to prevent it from tipping when lifted by a forklift truck.

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The pallet has a support face (4) on the ground (5) and a surface (2) to receive the load. The load surface is parallel to the support face. There are at least two recesses (7) formed in the gap between the upper and lower surfaces to allow the introduction of the fork lift prongs. The pallet is formed from at least two separate longitudinal sections (8), each with a support surface, a load surface and recesses, with a width (1) which is much smaller than the length (L). There are longitudinal(s) which are parallel to and spaced from each other with a value (E) less than the corresponding dimension (G) of the load to be supported.

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The building blocks are stacked up, possibly also side by side, to form cubes and then for wrapping have on the four identical parallel edges protective edge bars (6) which extend over the entire length of these edges. The edge bars have right-angled recesses whose surfaces fit snug against the adjoining faces (3,5) of the blocks along the edge. The blocks are held secure by tension straps (20,21,23,24) which fit in the edge bars and run round the cube crossing over each other. The edge bars can be identical one-piece bars with grooves (15,16,17) holding the tension straps. The edge bars can have a closable chamber to hold dry mortar. The tension straps can be made of glass fibre fabric also for use on site. The outside faces of the blocks can be made hydrophobic prior to stacking.

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